

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 12 and 19-21 will be pending in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

Claims 1-9, 13, 17 and 18, withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected subject matter, have been canceled. It will be understood that this action is taken without disclaimer and without prejudice to a divisional application or applications directed to the subject matter of these claims.

This action leaves for consideration only claims 12 and 19-21 directed to elected subject matter.

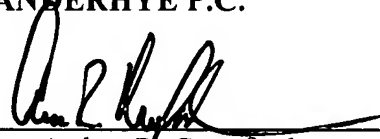
Claims 19 and 20 are amended to specify that the method consists of the recited steps. This amendment is made taking into account the examiner's comments and in particular item 14, page 5 of the Official Action concerning the use of an appropriate transitional phrase to agree with arguments previously of record (which arguments are hereby incorporated by reference).

It is counsel's understanding that this Amendment should place all pending claims in condition for allowance. If this is not the case or the examiner requires further information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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